## ICE PILED 20 FEET CREW ABANDON ABOUT POTOMAC THE POTOMA

### Destruction of Navy Rescue Tug in Gulf Forced to Flee Over Ice to Shore-L Considered Certain-Navy Dep't Gets | Safely at Bonne Bay-Craft Disappea Particulars—Orders Given for Crew to Seek Safety.

With ice piled to a height of 20 feet about her, and hemmed in on all sides, in the gulf of St. Lawrence the chances that the naval tug Potomac will survive the ice pressure are considered mighty slim. Her crew is in no immediate danger, but it is believed that they will be forced to abandon the craft. Extra supplies were sledded over the ice to the tug on Caturday, there being about 20 tons of coal, on board and food and provisions sufficient to last 15 days or

A message received by the navy department at Washington Saturday ar from the commander of the Potomac, Boatswain Wilkinson, states that the craft will probably be lost. Ice is piled 20 feet high about the vessel, as the message said, and a southerly wind would force the whole mass in-

The message of Boatswain Wilkinson came in response to an offer from the Navy Department to send the tug Senoma to the Potomac's assistance.

In his message from North Point, N. F., Boatswain Wilkinson said:

"Do not think it possible for Senoma to reach Potomac, ice 20 feet thick at present, great risk of being crushed, from best local knowledge southerly wind will carry Potomac north, which will endanger her going through Straits of Belle Isle, if destruction certain."

Acting Sec. Roosevelt instructed Wilkinsen to make the safety of the Potomac's crew the first considera-tion, and to call upon the department for any assistance that in his judgment could be tendered. Navy officials fear that the loyalty of Boatswain Wilkinson and his men to their craft will make them take too great Parson's pond, nearly 50 miles from a hazard in standing by her.

FRENCH GREAT FISHERMEN.

With Few Exceptions Object Is the Taking of Coarse Fish.

All France fishes-men, women and children-so that it truthfully might be considered as the national pastime, for never have we seen anything to compare with it elsewhere, says Scribner's Magazine.

Fishing clubs and societies abound wherever there is any water more im. portant than the village duck pond, most of them leagued into large organizations; but, with exceedingly few and recent exceptions, their object is the taking of coarse fish and even where there are trout they are usually considered rather as a side issue, save on those rare streams where there is nothing else.

It was on our first visit to the valley of the Durdent that we asked an old peasant, past whose garden the river ran, if there was good fishing

there, "No!" he replied disgustedly "noth. ing but trout" There were plenty of those at his very door, but he could not sit on a campstool or in a flat bottomed boat under a large white cotto i umbrella, with three or four rods fastened out in front of him, and watch the floats bob while he dozed in the sun, rousing now and then to the joy

miller will scowl and, even as watch a beautiful rise, assert that there isn't a fish in the river; an old woman eager to chat will invite you in her garden, offer you a seat, assure you that there are whales everywhere, and ply you with fruit and advice as long as you stay, which probably will be only until you have grasped the fact that there never was anything better than eels and chub

#### Fishing Fleet Movements,

Sch. Francis P. Mesqiuta arrived at Shelburne, Thursday, and cleared for

Sch. John Hays Hammond cleared from Halifax Thursday for the fishing

Lost Cable and Anchor.

During the storm of Thursday last, sch Tecumseh lost her cable and anchor which she parted down off Chat-

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ing schs. Marion Turner and Eleanor, back some of the supplies the foreign commodate the mail steamers which came in early in the day, both market would of a capture. No trout for him! which came in early in the day, both market would probably be in a betyou can by no means put implicit
having small fares. The Turner was ter state today.—Maritime Merchant. trust in what the people tell you, for a badly iced up, having been fishing at the eastward.

# During Gale-Probably Crushed.

Deciding that it would be certain will never survive the treach death to take any further chances with In her disabled condition, with to the Straits of Belle Isle, crushing the ice, the 36 officers and crew of the tug Potomac abandoned their craft Saturday night and landed at Bonne Bay, N. F., according to advices received at the pressure and the tremendon St. John's

> Driven seaward before the gale of Sunday, the tug soon disappeared from the range of shore observation. Heavy floes of ice piled about the Potomac and in view of the adverse conditions, the crew wisely abandoned her. It is feared that the Potomac will be crushed or sink under the pressure of the heavy

Several of the Potomac's crew are reported to be suffering from frozen feet when they reached shore. swain Wilkinson reports that the tug has lost her propeller, rendering her Yespractically helpless in the ice. terday she was last sighted north of Bonne Bay.

It is current belief among the skip-You pers and owners here that the Potomac secure relief in this direction a

on board, her chances are migh Even though she should surviv highly improbable that she we be sea worthy again, for to w of the crushing ice floes would even than a stiffer steamer able larger could ever stand.

The action of the departs sending a craft to the west this time of the year, especial out first having taken on board pilot, thoroughly conversant knowledge of conditions there verely criticised by many skip fishermen. It is not so much ter of concern in the present now that the Potomac's crea ashore, but what might happe ture cases, where under more! conditions, the presence of would mean much to the loca men who go to west coast each prosecution of the herring There is no doubt, however, b the government will be pretty ea the future and it will probably more than the ordinary argun

SCH. GOV. FOSS HAS SAILS TO

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., hav- Sch. Elizabeth N. of busing been crippled in the gale of Sun- of the T. N. Nicholson flet put in with her sails gone, and some a cargo of 1000 barrels of ros small spars broken. It will be necessary for her to make repairs before ton market. resuming fishing.

Conditions in Newfoundland.

St. John's Newfoundland, houses re port the smallest stocks ever held there at this time of year. As against this, however, shipments from Newfoundland to foreign markets are very much in excess of 1913, which means that the total supplies in producing centres and in the foreign markets are near the average. Shipments The United States out I August to date approximate Woodbury was ordered out I The fleet of Portland fishing ves150,000 quintals greater than during to break up the joe among the hugged the wharves all day Sunthe corresponditudes. very near the average. sels hugged the wharves all day Sun-the corresponding period a year ago, in Portland harbor, day, the only two making barbon har barbon harbor.

Androscoggin at Halifa

The revenue steamer Andros which left Portland on Tuesda for the Newfoundland coast to the U. S. navy tug Potomac, ing at Halifax on Friday awaiti ders from Washington, it being pected that she will be sent b

Bound for New York Mar Sch. Elizabeth N. of Buckspot port, en route to New York

Astray and Picked Up

During the dense fog last Grown sch. Juno port, missed his vessel at picked up by a Lockeport res brought in at Lockeport, X ter he returned to the Juno.

Ice in Portland Harbi The United States Revenue

This was necessary in orde

# HIGGED HER IN GILL NETTERS

of Trawl.

e arrival put in at T wharf dur-

heavy pt. Brigham reported ther outside, having lost 20 tubs fresh halibut. rawl on the trip out. Fish were ndfish is concerned.

ening prices were high, wholepounds for haddock, \$7.50 to will be getting underway again. for large and \$4.50 to \$6.50 for et cod, \$4 to \$7 for hake, \$5.50 pollock and \$3 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

Aspinet, 12,000 haddock, 18,000 1000 hake.

ddock, \$5 to \$11 per cwt.; large \$7.50 to \$8.50; market cod 64.50 50; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$5.50;

## **IS**H EXPORTERS

s the Halifax Maritime Mer-

exporters find the situation very chiefly owing to the lack of de-in Porto Rico. Consumption in island has proved disappointing rices ruling barely cover cost; t, a number of consignments have gone forward have resulted nsiderable loss. The present ok is a little more encouraging, cks in Porto Rico are light and is a tendency to hold back conents for higher values. The Jabusiness has also been disapng, owing to Newfoundland unloading second grade fish or lower grades. The other West markets are in fairly good and are taking fish with a fair of profit.

Oporto market continues dezed owing to very heavy stocks very poor demand. Italy is absorbing all the first class at is offered and now that supof No. 1 fish are exhausted is some No. 2 quality at record The situation in the Mediter-

Senerally is strong so that land. all winter fish will be disof advantageously

is a good demand Brazil and exporters have ed their ideas about two shiller drum. No improvement is for in Southern Brazil, owing adverse financial conditions.

# THROUGH GALE FARED BET

ch. Aspinet Only Craft at Several of Them Got Fish \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50. T Wharf-Lost 20 Tubs Yesterday-Sch. Marsala in From Georges.

The first off-shore arrival here for the night, seh. aspinet, Capt. several days is sch. Marsala from a Brigham, reporting with a 30,000 Georges handlining trip, her hail being for 5000 weight of salt cod, 2500 pounds of fresh fish and 3000 pounds

The gill netters fared better yesterig demand this morning, the mar- day than for some time, securing 20,naving been cleaned up as far as 000 pounds in all. Haddock have not made their appearance on the shore yet, but as soon as any catches are dealers paying \$5 to \$11 a hun-made, the smaller boats of the fleet

> Yesterday's catches of the off shore pollock, while steamers ran largely the inshere boats had mostly cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

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Sch. Marsala, Georges handlining, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 2500 lbs. fresh fish, 3000 lbs. fresh hallbut.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 4000 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2000

lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Bethulia, beam trawling, 1000

lbs. fresh fish, 10 bbls. flounders. Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 575 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. James M. Gifford, gill netting. Sch. Stranger, shore.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch Mary F. Sears, shore

Sch. Russell, shere.

Sch. Adeline, shore

Sch. Harriett, shore. Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Priscilla Smith, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore. 1 (9/1)

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Essex, St. Pierre, Miquelon. Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Newfound-

Sch. Laverna, haddocking.

Sch. Arethusa, haddocking.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, haddocking. Sch. Elmer E. Gray, halibuting.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers. \$3.50

halibut codfish. Eastern \$5.00; medium, \$4.50. Georges halibut

codfish,

snappers, \$1.50

Haddock, \$2.00. Hake, \$2.00. Pollock, \$2.00.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, which explains itself: \$2.00; snappers, 75c

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 Editor Gloucester Daily Times: pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1,15. Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland frozen herring. 1-2c per lb.

Fresh halibut, 18c per lb for white and 14c for gray.

#### Pickled Fish.

Supplies of herring are getting Ameriverv short. The can market has absorbed a great many thousand barrels, which has cut down supplies to the West Indies. There is not sufficient stock in sight to cover the ordinary West India requirements. Prices on her-India requirements. ring have advanced about 25 cents a barrel. With a free entry of fish into the United States there should be a large increase in the production pickled herring in the Maritime Provinces.

There are full supplies of mackerel and salmon for the West Indies trade and the demand for these fish is disappointing. Supplies of alewives are short and the price is steadily advancing—Halifax Maritime Merchant.

#### Lunenburg Notes.

Another fine addition was made to the Lunenburg fishing fleet Tuesday morning with the launching of the schooner J. Henry McKenzie, from Smith and Rhuland's ship yard. dimensions of the new vessel are: 126 feet over all, 26 feet beam, and 10 feet 10 inches hold, and is 109 tons register. She will sail from the firm of W. C. Smith and Company, limited, and will be commanded by Capt. Arch Geldert. She is a splendld type of vessel and presents a fine appearance.

The Fishermen's Marine Insurance company held their annual meeting Tuesday at the office of the secretary, Colonel J. E. Richardson. The statement showed receipt of the gross amount of \$5,576 in premiums. There were no losses during the year. A six per cent. dividend was declared and paid to the shareholders. The company is one of the gilt-edge invest-ments of the town and as its name denotes, practically all the sharehold-ers and underwriters are fishermen or men interested in the fishing business. All the old directors were re-appoint-

### WARNS FISHERS FROM PACIFICO

large Too Many There Now Writes 10 Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums \$2.00; Halibut Fishermen's Union Secretary-Treasurer.

> The following communication fro the Halibut Fishermen's Union of the Pacific was received this morning,

Halibut Fishermen's Union of the Pacific. Headquarters. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 11, 1914.

Dear Sir:-We have been informed that the cod fishing interests here are sending back east for fishermen. I bes leave to inform you, that this coast is now overrun with fishermen, and the only reason the owners send for more is because the cod fishermen here wan from \$40 to \$50 per thousand. The halibut market here is also badly shot t pieces, and we have hundreds of mer We would greatly appreciated idle. if you would advertise these facts, si that the men back there will not by fooled, as so often is the case.

I remain very respectfully yours, P. B. GILL, Secretary-Treasurer.

## PLANTS ARE HIT

Cong. Gardner Will Oppose Bill Which Would Affect Concerns Here.

Representative Gardner will appear before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce Wednesday to oppose part of the bill to regulate transportation of fish for fertilizing purposes. This bill provides that no edible fish as fertilizer shall be trans ported in interstate traffic, on ground that food thus is wasted and the high cost of living is maintained.

Mr. Gardner will argue that the bil goes to an unreasonable extreme, and will affect glue factories in his dis trict which use parts of such fish i

## ASKS BOUNTY ON FISH THAT PREY

Oné hundred federal fertilizer reduction plants along the Atlantic coast fi from Hatteras to Eastport are proposed 5 in a bill by Representative of Connecticut. He asked Congress to pay a bounty for all fish which P food fish and turn them fertilizer at the federal plants .

## FACED DEATH FOR EIGHT DAYS

With Pumps Broken Down and Deck Awash Crew of Sch. Cynthia Awaited End in Gale.

Dispatch From Halifax Tells of Awful Experience of Capt. Grimes and His Men-For Three Days They Kept Her Free-Under Foresail Whole Time-Craft Was Floating Iceberg-Tried in Vain to Make St. Pierre-Terrific Gale on Cape Shore Today.

the abandoned schooner Cynthia had that the Cynthia probably sprung is raging on the Cape Shore today. The ice for eight days with their craft which Capt. Grimes and his crew nglapassed is briefly told in the following telegraphic message:

Kept her free three days. One pump southward of St. Peter's Bank, where broke down, other pump not working the cable steamer Minia was at work well. Badly iced. Decks awash 10th to 14th. Under foresail whole eight days. Could not make St. Pierre. Picked up latitude 44.56: longitude 56.3. Nothing saved but clothing and three deries. Leave on Perry Wednesday for home. Terrific storm to-

The Times received news this noon It was just as the Times figured in from Halifax stating that the crew of its account of the affair, yesterday; arrived there and would leave on the aleak in the terrific gales that have Plant Line steamship A. W. Perry for swept the banks recently. Under forehome tomorrow. A terrific snow storm sail and battling with heavy seas and tale of the terrible ordeal through sinking under them, the captain and crew must have endured the greatest hardship.

That all hands survived seems miraculous. For four days the decks were awash. Being unable to make "Cynthia sprang aleak on the 7th, St. Pierre the Cynthia drifted to the repairing the ocean cable and all hands providentially taken on board.

The crew are destitute, for they saved nothing but their clothing and three

According to the advices contained in the despatch, a terrific storm is raging at Halifax this morning.

#### Going Halibuting.

Capt. John Tompkins has fitted sch. Elmer E. Gray for the fresh halibut

Sch. Muriel will be commanded by Capt. Thomas Downey, formerly of the wrecked schooner Selma, fresh hali-

#### Harbored on Virginia Coast.

Sch. 'Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron, who is on her way home from the south, where the craft has been engaged in bluefishing was in at Virginia port for harbor week.

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#### Seattle Codfish Market.

The dealers are deep in their preparations for the coming season, with the hope that it will be as profitable as the last one was. Several new vessels are to be added to the fleet, with the possibility that the market may be overstocked next fall should the east coast catch be a good one.

#### Fish Curing Plant Burned at Eastport.

Several women employed on the second floor of the Emery Brothers fish curing establishment at Eastport, Me., had a narrow escape from the quickly spreading flames which destroyed the plant yesterday. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective flue. The loss was nearly \$10,000.

#### Will Try and Float Sch. Selma.

To try and haul the wrecked sch. Mauger's Selma off the rocks at Mauger's Beach, N. S., the coasting steamer Swansea Trader, owned by Furness, Withy and Company, Friday left the Furness wharf, at Halifax, where she has been laid up.

#### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Preceptor sold this morning to the American snappers, 50c. Hallbut Company at eight and onehalf cents a pound right through.

# SPOKE FIVE OF

Sch. Preceptor Home After a Gale Lashed Trip on Many Banks.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Jack McKay. is the only off shore arrival of the morning, having a 12,000 pound fare of fresh halibut and 4000 pounds salt

Capt. McKay was one of the skippers who hit the full force of the gale of January 21, that forced him and his craft into St. Pierre for repairs. After refitting again, the Preceptor an extended cruise, covering Green Bank, Quero and Grand Bank, but found fish scarce.

reports speaking The Preceptor schs. Cavalier, Margaret, Paragon Teazer and Mystery recently on the banks.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

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Sch. Presceptor, Grand Bank, 12,000 lbs. fresh halfbut, 4000 lbs. salt cod.
Str. Sunflower, gill netting 1000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 570 Vbs. fresh

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Progress, via Boston. Sch. Success, via Boston.

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Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry at Shelburne, announces the of the craft there for shelter,

Some idea of the weather has prevailed on the Nova coast for several days can be from the fact that the Curtis been able to set since a we Friday. Weather of the w driven the crafts to harbor and al instances of damage are n

#### Had Good Trip,

The halibut steamer Rush, the U. S. Revenue Cutter name, now owned by Andrew ing, returned to Seattle from trip as a halibut fisher on Fe with 150,000 pounds of balibu Rush, whose appearance very materially altered from was when she was a reven is one of the best vessels in She carries 12 dories.

Mark Stewart, a Long Island man, and his 15-year-old son min, adrift in an open motor were picked up Monday two Portland Head light by the sle land, Capt. Lewis Gott. A thi and stiff gale were prevailing time. Stewart and his son h ed out fishing when their boat disabled and they were at the of the gale. They were brought this afternoon.

### Going "Long Lining."

James Car The steamer belonging to the Canadian Cold Storage Company, Ltd. from Prince Rupert, B. C., ary 13 to fish for halibut. Th is now fully equipped for line" fishing, a new and equipment having been recent Grimsby, England. This res the first to experiment w method of fishing for halibut, met with fair success in the

### Work Hard on Sch. Sell

Efforts were being made I the steamer afternoon by Trader to pull the Gloucester's Selma off the rocks of Beach, where she has January 25th. The task of flet vessel appears to be no easy the high seas of recent thrown her well up the shore however, in fair condition, a likely be made seaworthy, it sh the Chroniele, February 14,